

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

CANOPY GROWTH CORPORATION,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 6:20-cv-01180-ADA
)	
)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
)	
GW PHARMACEUTICALS PLC,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

[PROPOSED] SCHEDULING ORDER

In accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Court's Order

Governing Proceedings – Patent Case dated February 23, 2021, the parties jointly propose the following agreed upon case schedule:

Deadline	Item
May 11, 2021	Plaintiff serves preliminary ¹ infringement contentions in the form of a chart setting forth where in the accused product(s) each element of the asserted claim(s) are found. Plaintiff shall also identify the earliest priority date (<i>i.e.</i> the earliest date of invention) for each asserted claim and produce: (1) all documents evidencing conception and reduction to practice for each claimed invention, and (2) a copy of the file history for each patent in suit. Date Case Management Conference deemed to have occurred, per the Court's May 4, 2021 email.
May 25, 2021	The Parties shall submit an agreed Scheduling Order. If the parties cannot agree, the parties shall submit a separate Joint Motion for

¹ The parties may amend preliminary infringement contentions and preliminary invalidity contentions without leave of court so long as counsel certifies that it undertook reasonable efforts to prepare its preliminary contentions and the amendment is based on material identified after those preliminary contentions were served, and should do so seasonably upon identifying any such material. Any amendment to add patent claims requires leave of court so that the Court can address any scheduling issues.

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	<p>entry of each Order briefly setting forth their respective positions on items where they cannot agree.</p> <p>Absent agreement of the parties, the Plaintiff shall be responsible for the timely submission of this and other Joint filings.</p>
June 29, 2021	<p>Defendant serves preliminary invalidity contentions in the form of (1) a chart setting forth where in the prior art references each element of the asserted claim(s) are found, (2) an identification of any limitations the Defendant contends are indefinite or lack written description under section 112, and (3) an identification of any claims the Defendant contends are directed to ineligible subject matter under section 101. Defendant shall also produce (1) all prior art referenced in the invalidity contentions, (2) technical documents, including software where applicable, sufficient to show the operation of the accused product(s), and (3) summary, annual sales information for the accused product(s) for the two years preceding the filing of the Complaint, unless the parties agree to some other timeframe.</p>
July 9, 2021	Parties exchange claim terms for construction.
July 19, 2021	Parties exchange proposed claim constructions.
July 26, 2021	<p>Parties disclose extrinsic evidence. The parties shall disclose any extrinsic evidence, including the identity of any expert witness they may rely upon with respect to claim construction or indefiniteness. With respect to any expert identified, the parties shall identify the scope of the topics for the witness's expected testimony.² With respect to items of extrinsic evidence, the parties shall identify each such item by production number or produce a copy of any such item if not previously produced.</p>
July 29, 2021	Deadline to meet and confer to narrow terms in dispute and exchange revised list of terms/constructions.
August 9, 2021	Plaintiff files Opening claim construction brief, including any arguments that any claim terms are not indefinite.
August 24, 2021	Defendant files Responsive claim construction brief.
September 3, 2021	Plaintiff files Reply claim construction brief.

² Any party may utilize a rebuttal expert in response to a brief where expert testimony is relied upon by the other party.

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September 13, 2021	Defendant files a Sur-Reply claim construction brief.
September 17, 2021	Parties submit Joint Claim Construction Statement and optional technical tutorials to the Court and technical adviser (if appointed). ³ <i>See General Issues Note #3 regarding providing copies of the briefing to the Court and the technical adviser (if appointed).</i>
September 27, 2021	<i>Markman</i> Hearing at 9:30 a.m.
September 28, 2021	Fact Discovery opens; deadline to serve Initial Disclosures per Rule 26(a).
November 8, 2021	Deadline to add parties.
November 22, 2021	Deadline to serve Final Infringement and Invalidity Contentions. After this date, leave of Court is required for any amendment to Infringement or Invalidity contentions. This deadline to serve Final Infringement and Invalidity Contentions does not relieve the Parties of their obligation to seasonably amend if new information is identified after initial contentions.
January 17, 2022	Deadline to amend pleadings. A motion is not required unless the amendment adds patents or patent claims. (Note: This includes amendments in response to a 12(c) motion.)
February 1, 2022	Deadline for the first of two meet and confers to discuss significantly narrowing the number of claims asserted and prior art references at issue. Unless the parties agree to the narrowing, they are ordered to contact the Court's Law Clerk to arrange a teleconference with the Court to resolve the disputed issues.
February 18, 2022	Close of Fact Discovery.
March 8, 2022	Opening Expert Reports.
April 5, 2022	Rebuttal Expert Reports.
April 26, 2022	Close of Expert Discovery.

³ The parties should contact the law clerk to request a Box link so that the party can directly upload the file to the Court's Box account.

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May 3, 2022	Deadline for the second of two meet and confer to discuss narrowing the number of claims asserted and prior art references at issue to triable limits. To the extent it helps the parties determine these limits, the parties are encouraged to contact the Court's Law Clerk for an estimate of the amount of trial time anticipated per side. The parties shall file a Joint Report within 5 business days regarding the results of the meet and confer.
May 10, 2022	Dispositive motion deadline and <i>Daubert</i> motion deadline. <i>See</i> General Issues Note #3 regarding providing copies of the briefing to the Court and the technical adviser (if appointed).
May 24, 2022	Serve Pretrial Disclosures (jury instructions, exhibits lists, witness lists, discovery and deposition designations).
June 7, 2022	Serve objections to pretrial disclosures/rebuttal disclosures.
June 14, 2022	Serve objections to rebuttal disclosures and File Motions <i>in limine</i> .
June 17, 2022	File Joint Pretrial Order and Pretrial Submissions (jury instructions, exhibits lists, witness lists, discovery and deposition designations); file oppositions to motions <i>in limine</i> .
June 21, 2022	File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting. If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and e-mail the Court Reporter, Kristie Davis at kmdaviscsr@yahoo.com . Deadline to meet and confer regarding remaining objections and disputes on motions <i>in limine</i> .
TBD at conclusion of <i>Markman</i> hearing	File joint notice identifying remaining objections to pretrial disclosures and disputes on motions <i>in limine</i> .
TBD at conclusion of <i>Markman</i> hearing	Final Pretrial Conference. The Court expects to set this date at the conclusion of the <i>Markman</i> Hearing.

Deadline	Item
TBD at conclusion of <i>Markman</i> hearing ⁴	<p>Jury Selection/Trial. The Court expects to set these dates at the conclusion of the <i>Markman</i> Hearing.</p> <p>Estimated trial date of July 5, 2022, per the Court's May 4, 2021 email.</p>

ORDERED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

ALAN D. ALBRIGHT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

⁴ If the actual trial date materially differs from the Court's default schedule, the Court will consider reasonable amendments to the case schedule post-Markman that are consistent with the Court's default deadlines in light of the actual trial date.